



The official interpretive schedule of
Glacier National Park
Issue no. 1

Join Us!

This guide lists a variety of ranger-led programs, from easy walks and evening talks, to all-day hikes and boat tours. Information for other programs and activities, including field classes and special Native American events, can also be found in this guide.



Special Programs from our Park Neighbors

Native America Speaks

Blackfeet, Salish, and Kootenai tribal members share their knowledge of the history and culture of Native America, through these 45-minute programs.
All park visitors are invited to attend these free programs.
Apgar Campground 8:00pm Mondays
Many Glacier Campground 8:00pm Tuesdays
Two Medicine Campground 8:00pm Wed. & Fri.
Rising Sun Campground 8:00pm Thursdays

Two Medicine Lake Dancers and Singers

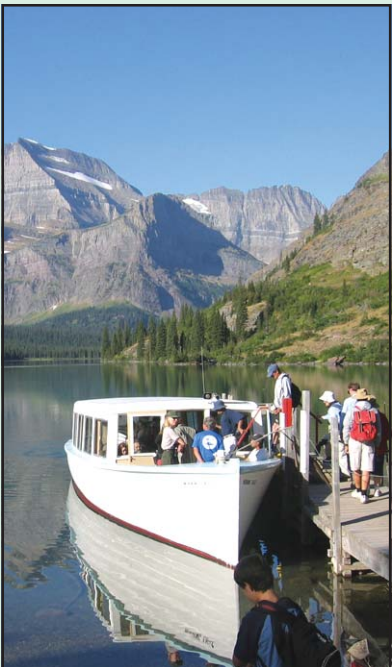
Join the Two Medicine Lake Dancers and Singers with leaders Ray Croff and Joe McKay as they provide insight into contemporary and traditional Blackfeet history and culture through narration and fancy, jingle, traditional, and grass dance demonstrations.
Proceeds from this program support the Native America Speaks interpretive initiative.
St. Mary Visitor Center 7:30pm Wed., June 28
• Tickets for this program go on sale the morning of the performance and are only available at the St. Mary Visitor Center.
• Prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited.



Clifton Croff

Photo by Mark Wagner

Glacier Park Boat Co.
Naturalist Hikes



Josephine Lake Photo by Deepu Sasidharan

In addition to the National Park Service-led hikes listed inside, Glacier Park Boat Co. naturalists lead guided walks at Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Rising Sun.

Grinnell Lake Cruise and Hike
Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock for a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes, followed by an optional, easy 2 mile, round-trip walk to spectacular Grinnell Lake.
• Sundays, Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays - 2:00pm

Two Medicine Cruise and Hike
This 2 ¼ hour activity includes a scenic boat cruise on Two Medicine Lake and easy 1.8 mile round-trip hike to beautiful Twin Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock.
• Daily - 1:00pm & 3:00pm



Jack Gladstone

Photo by Mark Wagner

Legends of Glacier

Award- winning performing artist, and Blackfeet tribal member, Jack Gladstone presents a musical/visual narrative of the major cultural contributions of Indians to American culture. Traditional stories, animal legends, and personality portraits guide the audience to a better understanding of our truly American heritage.
Proceeds from this program support the Native America Speaks interpretive initiative.
Many Glacier Hotel 8:00pm Sundays
• Tickets go on sale the morning of the show and are available at the Many Glacier Hotel.
• Prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited.
Lake McDonald Lodge 8:30pm June 22
• Tickets go on sale the morning of the show and are available at the Apgar Visitor Center and Lake McDonald Lodge.
• Prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited.

“Learning Gone Wild” - The Glacier Institute

The Glacier Institute provides innovative outdoor education programs within and around Glacier National Park.

For more information on times, locations, and prices of these courses, please contact:

The Glacier Institute
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Kalispell, MT 59903
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www.glacierinstitute.org
“Learning Gone Wild!”

Glacier Institute Classes	
June	
22	Wilderness Skills
24-25	The “Uncommon” Loon
24-25	Wolves of the North Fork
25	Roadside Geology and Ecology
28-29	Glacier’s Grizzlies
29	Life in Glacier’s Streams
29-7/1	Wolf Pup Mini Camp
30	Nature’s Healers
30-7/1	North Fork River Ecology
30-7/3	Summer Mushrooms

July	
1	Making Wild Herbal Medicines
5	Railroad History
6	Tracks, Scats, and Signs
7-8	Plants of Lewis and Clark
7-9	Nature Writing Workshop
9	Middle Fork River Ecology
9-14	Young Naturalist Camp
13	Glacier’s Grizzlies & Black Bears
13-14	Wolverines
15	Many Glacier Geology



Lake McDonald

	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
Avalanche Lake Hike				8:30am				8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
Nurturing Native Plants			10:00am							10:00am				
Oxbow Stroll						10:30am		10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am
Lake McDonald Boat Tours	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm	1:30pm & 3:30pm
Discovery Cabin								1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm
Fire in Glacier Walk		2:00pm						2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm
Apgar Campground Ranger Talk									8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
Avalanche Campground Ranger Talk								8:00pm			8:00pm			
Fish Creek CG Evening Program				8:00pm				8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program*					8:30pm	8:30pm		8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm



Avalanche Lake Trail Photo by David Restivo



Lake McDonald Photo by Bill Hayden

Avalanche Lake Hike
Discover the power of water in shaping this unique environment on the way to glimmering Avalanche Lake. Participants should wear hiking shoes and bring water and a snack. Meet at the roadside parking lot, across from Avalanche Campground. **4 miles (6.4 km) - 3 ½ hours**

Nurturing Native Plants
Join our staff for a close-up look at how plants are grown in our Native Plant Nursery for use in revegetation projects around the park. Meet on the front steps of park headquarters near the West Entrance. **1½ hours**

Oxbow Stroll
Join us for a casual stroll through the forest along lower McDonald Creek to discover why Glacier National Park is world famous for its biological diversity. Meet in front of the Apgar Visitor Center. **1.5 miles (2.4 km) - 1½ to 2 hours**

Lake McDonald Boat Tours
Cruise the waters of Lake McDonald and experience a sampling of Glacier’s diverse stories from a unique perspective aboard the historic *DeSmet*. Meet at the dock behind Lake McDonald Lodge. Arrive 15 minutes early to pay the fee charged for the boat trip. **1 hour**

Discovery Cabin
Touch a grizzly bear’s claws, feel a wolf’s amazing coat, and wear an elk’s antler! Rangers will help you learn about the fascinating adaptations that Glacier’s predators and prey have to survive in their habitats. Stop at the Apgar Visitor Center for directions then follow the “wolf tracks” to the cabin. **anytime between 1:30pm and 3:00pm**

Fire in Glacier Walk
Explore the Robert Fire of 2003 and discover the vital role wild land fire plays in the Crown of the Continent ecosystem. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater parking lot (2nd right turn inside the Fish Creek Campground). **2 miles (3.2 km) - 2 hours**

Apgar Campground Ranger Talk
Join us at the Apgar Campground Amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier’s natural and cultural history. Bring the family and your questions for an interesting look at this incredible place. **45 minutes**

Avalanche Campground Ranger Talk
Lions, lake trout, and bears! Meet at the Avalanche Campground Amphitheater for a traditional ranger talk on topics of interest to park visitors. **45 minutes**

Fish Creek Campground Evening Program
Sit back, relax and discover Glacier through these illustrated slide programs. Park Rangers will cover topics ranging from bears to birds, history to seasonal changes and more. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater. **45 minutes**

Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program*
Meet in the Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium for these evening slide programs on the many wonders of Glacier National Park. All park visitors are invited to attend. **45 minutes**
*** On June 22 this program will be replaced by Blackfeet performing artist Jack Gladstone presenting “Legends of Glacier.” A fee is charged for these special presentations. See page 1 for details.**

Logan Pass

	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
Alpine Talks								11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm	11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm	11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm	11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm	11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm	11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm	11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm



Reynolds Mountain Photo by Bill Hayden

Alpine Talks
Logan Pass is one of the park’s most popular and fragile areas. Join us for a 20-minute exploration of the issues facing the National Park Service in protecting this special alpine environment. Meet at the Logan Pass Visitor Center.

Visiting Logan Pass
No phone or food services are available at Logan Pass. Frequently, the parking lot at Logan Pass fills beyond capacity, forcing visitors to drive on without stopping. Expect parking difficulties between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Plan on visiting Logan Pass early in the day or late in the afternoon to avoid crowds.

Transportation Options
The Going-to-the-Sun Road shuttle and guided tour options stop at Logan Pass. They provide service to those with oversized vehicles and help reduce traffic on the road. Tours can be arranged by contacting:
Sun Tours at: 406 226-9220 or Glacier Park Inc. at: 406 892-2525



Wild Rose Photo by Bill Hayden



Family Fun Photo by Bill Hayden

Junior Rangers
Families with children may take advantage of our Junior Ranger Program. Children between the ages of six and twelve can become a Junior Ranger. Pick up a copy of the Junior Ranger Newspaper at a visitor center. Inside you will find seven activities that will introduce you to the variety of habitats found in the park. Complete five of the activities and bring your completed form back to a visitor center to receive your Junior Ranger Badge, and become a Glacier National Park Junior Ranger.

St. Mary

	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
St. Mary Lake Boat Trip and Hike	9:00am & 2:00pm	2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm
Mountains, Meadows, & the Magic Forest								3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm
Sunset Cruise	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm
Evening Program*						7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm*	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm
Rising Sun Campground Program				8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm



St. Mary Lake Photo by David Restivo

St. Mary Lake Boat Trip & Hike
Enjoy rugged mountain scenery and spectacular views as you cruise on St. Mary Lake. Join a Park Ranger to take a closer look at evidence of the power of ice and water. Take the optional 3-mile roundtrip hike to St. Mary Falls and catch a later boat back. Purchase tickets at the Rising Sun Boat Dock, 6 miles west of St. Mary on the Going-to-the-Sun Road.
3 miles (5km) - 3½ hours

Mountains, Meadows, & the Magic Forest
You may not see a gnome, but you will experience open meadows, sweeping mountain vistas, a dark and mysterious forest, and a picturesque pond. Explore the 3-mile loop trail which is not often discovered by park visitors, but is a favorite of the local park rangers. Meet at the 1913 Ranger Station. **3 miles (5km) - 2½ hours**

Sunset Cruise
The evening light on St. Mary Lake and the surrounding mountains can be truly breathtaking. Relax and reflect on your day as you join the ranger on board for a delightful cruise on the lake. Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock, 6 miles west of St. Mary on the Going-to-the-Sun Road. A fee is charged for the boat cruise.
1 hour

Evening Program*
Join us at the St Mary Visitor Center Auditorium for a visual journey through Glacier’s natural and cultural heritage. **45 minutes**
*** On Wednesday, June 28, the Two Medicine Lake Singers and Dancers perform. A fee is charged for this special presentations. See page 1 for details.**

Rising Sun Campground Program
Join a Park Ranger for inspiration and entertainment in a traditional campfire setting. Thursday evenings offer special presenters from the Native America Speaks program. **45 minutes**

Many Glacier

	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
Early Morning Bird Walk	7:00am							7:00am						7:00am
Iceberg Lake Hike	8:30am			8:30am		8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am		8:30am	8:30am
Ranger’s Choice Hike		8:30am								8:30am	8:30am		8:30am	
Grinnell Lake Boat Trip and Hike	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am	9:00am
Wildflower Wonders Hike		12:30pm												
Red Rock Falls Hike				2:00pm					2:00pm					2:00pm
Wildflower Stroll	2:00pm		2:00pm		2:00pm		2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm
Historic Hotel Tour	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm
Lucerne Room Evening Program	8:00pm*	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm*	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
Many Glacier Campground Program			8:00pm					8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm



Yellow Warbler Photo by Tom Ulrich

Early Morning Bird Walk
Early morning is the best time to see and hear the songbirds of the valley. Meet at the boat dock behind the Many Glacier Hotel. Bring binoculars and field guide.
1 mile (1.6km) - 2 hours

Iceberg Lake Hike
This moderately strenuous hike through flowered meadows and sub-alpine forests climbs 1200 feet to beautiful Iceberg Lake. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch. There may be lingering snow on the trail.
10 miles (16km) - about 6-7 hours

Grinnell Lake Boat Trip & Hike
Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel boat dock for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes and an easy optional walk to Grinnell Lake. A fee is charged for the boat. Please purchase boat tickets early if possible.
2.5 miles (4km) - 3½ hours

Ranger’s Choice Hike
Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch to join a hike to a spectacular destination in the area. Due to early season trail conditions, the location of this hike will be determined after 3:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled hike. Check at the Many Glacier Ranger Station or at the Many Glacier evening programs for details.
Approximately 6 to 8 miles (9.6 to 12.8km) 4 to 6 hours

Wildflower Wonders Hike
Learn about wildflower families and practice looking for the characteristic botanists use to identify the many species found in Glacier. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch. Bring along a flower guidebook if you have one.
2-3 miles (3.2-4.8km) - 4 hours

Red Rock Falls Hike
Take advantage of a great opportunity to view the changing display of wildflowers & wildlife habitat. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch for this easy hike to Red Rock Falls.
3.5 miles (5.6km) - 3½ hours

Wildflower Stroll
Enjoy the changing display of wildflowers & explore their diverse habitats. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch. Bring your favorite flower book.
1 mile (1.6km) - 1 hour

Historic Hotel Tour
Join an interpreter for a tour of the historic Many Glacier Hotel and learn about its history and recent exterior restoration. Meet in the main lobby of the hotel. Some walking and stairs.
1 hour

Many Glacier Campground Program
Join an interpreter at the campground amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier’s varied & outstanding features. Tuesday evenings offer special presenters from the Native America Speaks Program.
45 minutes

Lucerne Room Evening Program
Sit back & enjoy a visual tour of one of the facets of Glacier National Park. These free programs are presented by National Park Service Interpreters, downstairs in the Lucerne Room of the Many Glacier Hotel. All visitors are invited to this free program.
*** On June 18 & 25 Blackfeet performing artist Jack Gladstone will present “Legends of Glacier.” A fee is charged for this special presentation. See page 1 for details.**



Wildflowers at Iceberg Lake Photo by Tom Gray

Two Medicine

	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
Upper Two Medicine Lake Hike	10:30am							10:30am						
Firebrand Pass Hike							12:00pm							12:00pm
Rockwell Falls Hike			12:00pm							12:00pm				
Scenic Point Hike		12:00pm							12:00pm					
Two Medicine Campground Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm



Two Medicine Lake Photo by Bill Hayden

Upper Two Medicine Lake Hike and Boat Trip
Cruise scenic Two Medicine Lake and join a ranger for a gentle hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake, gaining 350 feet in elevation over 2.2 miles. Pause at beautiful Twin Falls and traverse flower filled meadows on your way to the lake. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat dock. A fee is charged for the boat ride. Return by a later boat.
4.4 miles (7km) - 5 hours

Firebrand Pass Hike
Come join a ranger to explore the southeast corner of the Park, and climb 1800 feet through 4 different life zones to rocky and rugged Firebrand Pass. Learn about fire ecology. Meet at Pullout on North side of mile marker 203 on highway 2 going west, six miles out of East Glacier.
9 miles (14.4km) - 5 hours

Rockwell Falls Hike
This moderately paced half-day hike passes Aster Falls, and then gently ascends the valley beneath Sinopah Mountain to Rockwell Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore.
7.0 miles (11.2km) - 5 hours

Scenic Point Hike
Glaciated valleys and spectacular vistas highlight this rugged, steadily climbing hike. You will gain 2,350 feet over three miles with an alpine tundra reward at the top. Meet at the Scenic Point trail head.
6.2 miles (9.9km) - 5 hours

Two Medicine Campground Program
Join a ranger at the Two Medicine Amphitheater (Loop B, site 40) for this traditional evening program. The program focuses on a variety of topics. Wednesday evenings offer special presenters from the Native America Speaks program.
45 minutes

Goat Haunt

	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
International Peace Park Hike														10:00am
Goat Haunt Overlook									11:30am		11:30am			11:30am
Kootenai Lakes Hike								11:00am		11:30am		11:30am		
Lake Janet Hike								11:30am						
Wonder of Water Walk								2:30pm	2:30pm		2:30pm	2:30pm	2:30pm	2:30pm
Waterton Evening Program													8:30pm	



Peace Park Hike Photo by Tom Gray

International Peace Park Hike
Hike with both US National Park Service and Parks Canada Staff on this exploration of the world's first International Peace Park. Cross the international boundary while hiking from Waterton to Goat Haunt and return via boat. Meet at the Bertha Trailhead in Waterton Townsite at 10am. There is a charge for the return boat trip and you should make reservations before starting the hike. Bring proper identification for the border crossing. Each hike is limited to 35 people, so you must pre-register at either the St. Mary Visitor Center in Glacier (406-732-7750) or the Waterton Lakes Visitor Information Centre in Waterton (403-859-5133). Reservations are only accepted for the next scheduled hike (open on Wednesday for Saturday hikes; open on Saturday for Wednesday hikes).
8.7 miles (14km) - 7 hours

Goat Haunt Overlook Hike
Incredible views of this glacially-carved valley highlight this short but steep hike. Take the 10am cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on a later boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Boat Dock.
2 miles (3.2km) - 2½ hours.

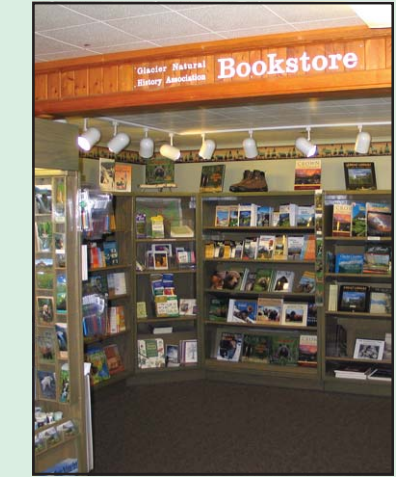
Kootenai Lakes
Have you seen enough moose? Join the ranger-guided hike to the Kootenai Lakes. Moose are often seen in these shallow lakes beneath looming Citadel Peaks. There is little elevation gain as we walk through mature forest and meadows. Take the 10am cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on a later boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Boat Dock.
3.6 miles (5.8 km) - 3 hours.

Lake Janet
Join a Park Ranger for a moderate climb to the lake, and the large natural landslide that changed Lake Janet forever. Enjoy lunch at the lake before returning to the boat. We will gain 800 feet over 3.5 miles. Take the 10am cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on the 5:00 boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Boat Dock.
7.0 miles (11.2 km) - 6 hours.

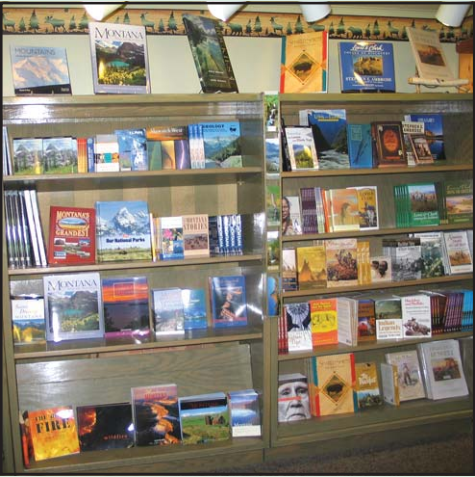
Wonder of Water – Join a ranger for an easy walk to Rainbow Falls as you discover wildflow-ers and wildlife in a streamside habitat. Take the 1pm cruise from Waterton and make ar-rangements with the boat company to return on a later boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Boat Dock.
2 miles (3.2km) - 2½ hours.

Waterton Evening Program
A US National Park Service Ranger will explore the wonders of winter in Glacier National Park. This program is offered on Friday evenings at 8:30 pm in the Falls Theatre in Waterton Town-site, located on Evergreen Ave.
45 minutes

NOTE: Only American citizens, legal residents of the United States, and Canadian citizens with proper documentation are allowed entry into the U. S., past the ranger station at Goat Haunt. Citizens of other nations are not permitted to join on hikes in the Goat Haunt area.



Apgar Visitor Center Bookstore



Photos by Bill Hayden

Glacier Natural History Association

Bookstores in park visitor centers are operated by the Glacier Natural History Association. The Association's generous financial support also makes possible the park's Native American programs and free publications. This nonprofit organization works with the National Park Service to assist with educational and interpretive activities, cultural preservation, and special projects. A percentage of proceeds from book sales are donated to the park each year. Association bookstores are located at: Apgar, Logan Pass, and St. Mary Visitor Centers, Polebridge, Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Goat Haunt Ranger Stations, the Apgar Backcountry Permit Center, and the West Glacier Depot.

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